Practice: 798 - Seasonal High Tunnel for Crops

Scenario: #1 - Contiguous US

Scenario Description:

Used for contiguous US states in areas with low or no snowfall. A quonset-style (round) manufactured frame of tubular steel (30 x 72 ft.) covered with 4-year 6mil plastic. Costs are based on purchase of manufactured kit and landowner installing the structure. Structure must be installed to manufacturer's specifications.

Associated Practices: Conservation Crop Rotation (328), Residue and Tillage Management - No-Till/ Strip Till/ Direct Seed (329), Cover Crop (340), Residue Management , Seasonal (344), Residue amd Tillage Management, Mulch Till (345), Nutrient Management (590), Pest Management (595).

Before Situation:

Cropland where extension of the growing season is needed. Additional resource concerns that may need to be addressed include; soil erosion, soil condition, water quality, water quantity, plant condition, and energy use.

After Situation:

A seasonal high tunnel has been installed and the growing season has been extended for 1-4 months on average. Plant health and vigor is improved and there is decreased energy use by producing food locally.

Scenario Feature Measure: Area of Tunnel Installed

Scenario Unit: Square Foot Scenario Typical Size: 2,160

Scenario Cost: \$8,261.36 Scenario Cost/Unit: \$3.82

Cost Details (by category): Price **Component Name Component Description** Unit **Quantity Cost** (\$/unit) Labor 71 General Labor 231 Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, Hour \$22.96 \$1,630.16 shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc. Materials Hoop House, quonset style, \$3.07 2160 \$6,631.20 1277 Includes the framework complete with all predrilled steel, Square base package hardware and instructions. Includes 6 mil 4-year Foot polyethylene film to cover tunnel, and polylock for sides and ends for a quonset style (round top) hoop house. Materials and shipping only, does not include labor.